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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

MITSURU OHKUBO ET AL

: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION
(Based on PCT/JP94/01550)

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: BETA-ALANINE DERIVATIVE AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

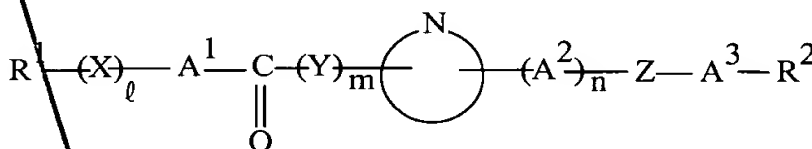
SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add new Claims 18-21:

-18. (New) A compound of the formula:



wherein:

R¹ is 6-membered cyclo(lower)alkyl containing 1 to 3 nitrogen atoms which may
have one or more amino protective groups;

X is O, S or NH, and